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THREE RAIDS ON TEL-AVIV

Five Jews Killed: Two Planes Shot Down

MUFTI OF JERUSALEM ENTERS PALESTINE

Palestine, May 16.—Five Jews were killed and two enemy planes were shot down in the third air raid today on the Jewish capital of Tel-Aviv. One of the planes plunged into the sea near Herzlia while the other made a forced landing bringing the two day score to three enemy aircraft shot down. Little damage was done today by the raiders.

Arab planes were also reported by Jewish sources here to have attacked two Jewish settlements of Afikim and Ashdot Yaacov in the Tiberias district. These reports said that the two settlements snuggling in the Jordan valley were attacked by three planes and several children were reported to be wounded.

Reports from Jerusalem said that the western suburbs where were still under heavy fire while the Arabs opened an attack on the Jewish quarter inside the old walls. The Arabs were also reported to be attacking the small Jewish village of Nova Yaacov in the Judean hills six miles northeast of Jerusalem.

Jewish forces presented no strong opposition to the raiding Egyptian planes. Anti-aircraft fire was light and no Jewish planes engaged the raiders in dogfights.

Slender Egyptian spitfires flew virtually unmolested high in blue skies over Tel-Aviv in several raids today. Private sources indicated however, the Jews are holding back any counter attack until the appointed moment. These sources spoke in veiled terms of "a visit to Cairo" as a reprisal bombing.

Civil guards in green berets forced all persons to take shelter against the walls of houses when the spitfires appeared. Unofficial and unconfirmed reports said that the Egyptian army has entered Beer Sheva in south Palestine today.—United Press.

TIBERIAS BOMBED

Haifa, May 16.—A hostile aircraft bombed Tiberias, on the shores of the Lake of Galilee and three Jewish settlements in the area today, a Jewish source said.

A Jewish settler, arriving at Haifa, said a twin-engine aircraft attacked Tiberias, Ashdot Yaacov and Afikim. A single-engine plane made one bombing run over Ein Gev, on the eastern shore of Galilee close to the Transjordan frontier.

Ein Gev, he said, was also attacked with heavy artillery from the Transjordan hills which rise sharply east of the sea.

An unmarked plane, presumably Jewish, bombed the Arab village of Samra, south of Tiberias. Later, Hagannah announced in Tel-Aviv, that Tiberias was attacked from the air.

There was no information on damage.

BRIDGES DESTROYED

Jewish sources also reported that foreign troops equipped with heavy tanks were entering the Holy Land near El Hamma, an Arab village where the borders of Palestine, Syria and Transjordan meet.

Bridges across the Jordan river, south of the Jordan river, and south of Sea of Galilee, were destroyed in front of the invaders, the sources added.

Samra, recently captured by the Jews, was evacuated except for a police fortress at the entrance of the town, the sources said.

Arab Legion troops blew up the hydro-electric plant at Maharim in Transjordan territory at the junction of the Jordan and Yarmuk rivers. The informant added the station supplied power to Jewish settlements and their water pumping stations in the Jordan valley.—Associated Press.

MUFTI IN PALESTINE

London, May 16.—Haj Amin El Husseini, the Mufti of Jerusalem and Chairman of the Arab Higher Committee, entered Palestine today and attacked Jewish headquarters in the Holy Land behind the invading Arab forces, a New York Radio

despatch from Palestine reported. He was reported to have left Damascus this morning by air for Cairo "with the intention of entering Palestine." Other Committee members left with him.

Israel is applying to the 58 members of the United Nations, as well as to some other Governments, for explicit recognition, the new State's Foreign Minister, Mr Moshe Shertok, disclosed in Tel Aviv tonight. He told correspondents that such a request has already been sent to Britain.

While Tel-Aviv's 170,000 population was reported to be taking the raids calmly, Iraq claimed today that her mechanized forces—now joined with the armies of Egypt, Transjordan, Syria and the Lebanon in the invasion—had crossed the River Jordan, the first natural barrier in a westward drive to the Mediterranean.

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RACING TIPS

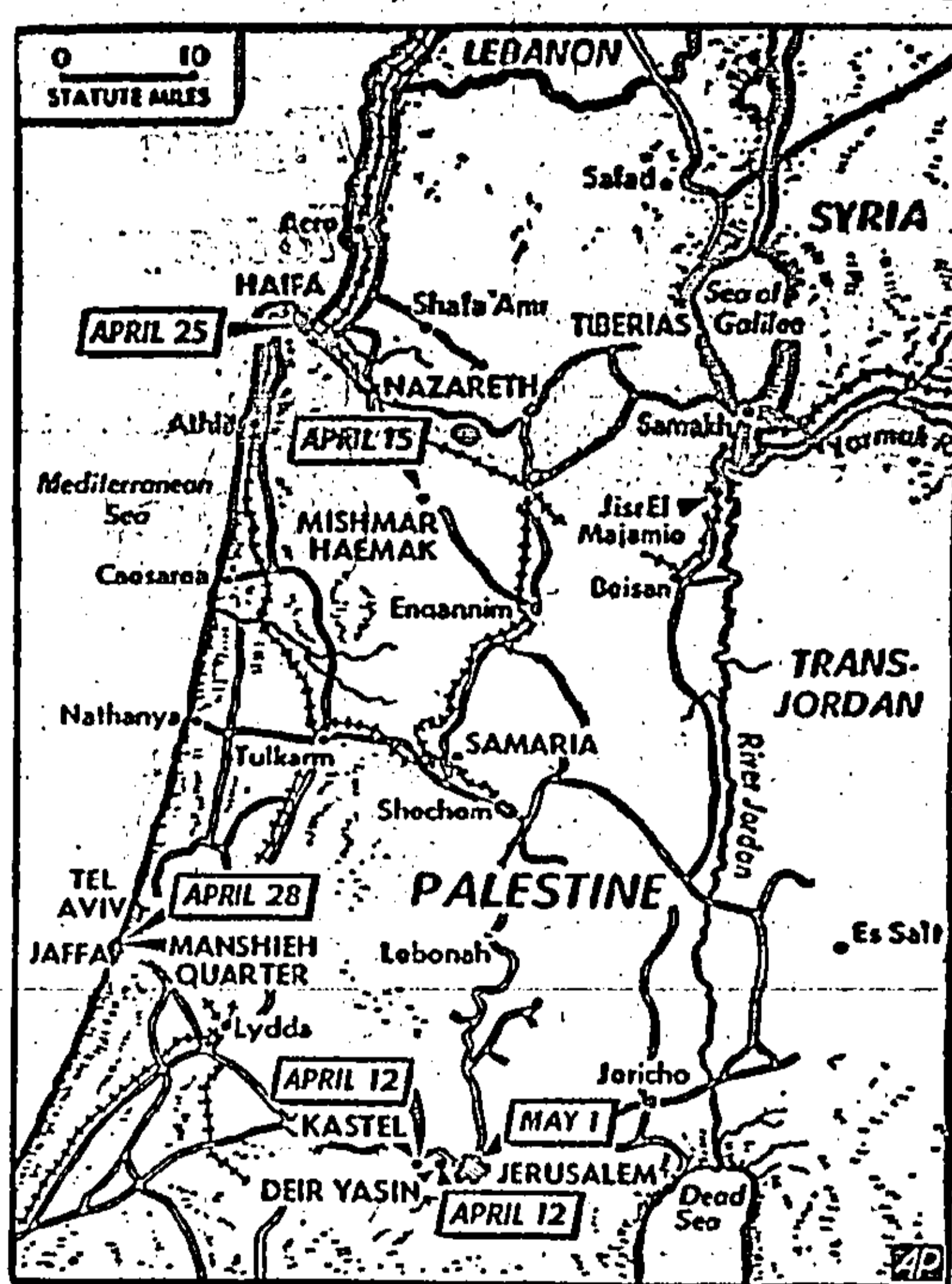
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Three Jewish soldiers, one wearing a gas mask, and another holding his nose, remove an Arab corpse from the wreckage of a building in the Katamon district of Jerusalem during a 48-hour truce between Jews and Arabs for control of the district. The Jews have since swarmed into the Holy City and captured all the strategic points.—AP.

Where Jews Have Won Victories



Radio Correspondent Found Murdered

Salonika, May 16.—The bound body of George Polk, Columbia Broadcasting System correspondent, who disappeared a week ago after telling friends he hoped to interview Guerilla General Markos, was found floating near the beach at Salonika this morning.

Police said they are investigating the possibility that the American might have been killed trying to "make contact with Communist leaders" for a trip into the guerrilla-held mountains of Northern Greece.

The United States Consul General, Mr Raleigh Gibson, said Polk's hands and feet were loosely tied. Robbery apparently was not the motive since his wristwatch, and pocketbook containing 300,000 Drachma (about £8) were untouched.

MISSING A WEEK

Polk is the first American journalist to meet death here during the Greek civil war. Police said Polk was last seen a week ago when he left hotel.

A hunt first began for him on Wednesday when Polk's War Department correspondents identification card and Pan-American Airways calendar were received through the mail at Salonika Police headquarters.

The envelope was addressed in Greek and contained no letter of explanation. Lieut-Col Thomas Martin, head of the British Police Mission in Salonika, said the Greek police are searching for a motive. He said they are investigating the possibility

Death in Jerusalem

Russians Like Mr Wallace's Proposal

Moscow, May 16.—Soviet press commentators in a discussion of Soviet-American relations today welcomed a number of the proposals for a settlement made by Mr Henry Wallace, the United States third party candidate for the Presidency, in an open letter to Marshal Stalin last week. While not agreeing with several of his assertions, they said his approach was "realistic and logical" and indicated a genuine desire to find ways of settling differences between the Soviet Union and the United States. Mr Wallace, in his letter to Marshal Stalin, published on Tuesday, said the whole world had been heartened by the recent exchange of notes between General Walter Bedell Smith, the United States Ambassador in Moscow, and M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister.

APPROVAL

The commentators approved Mr Wallace's proposals for a general limitation of arms, the prohibition of the means of mass destruction, the prohibition of the export of nuclear energy, and the non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries, the withdrawal of foreign troops from Korea and non-interference in the internal affairs of China, increased trade (except in armaments), and the cultural development of cultural relations.

They also approved Mr Wallace's proposals for the establishment of a reinvigorated UNRRA or some other United Nations agency for the distribution of international relief. "Pravda," the Soviet Communist Party paper, quoted Marshal Stalin's recent statement: "Of course, the Soviet Union and the United States could collaborate with each other. If the two systems could collaborate during the war, why should they not collaborate in peacetime?"

PRAVDA'S COMMENT

In a lengthy examination of Mr Wallace's letter, Pravda said: "The peace-loving statements sometimes made by representatives of the American Government alternate, as a rule, with deliberate pessimism in estimating the international situation. This war psychosis, alarm and concern are plain in the minds of millions of people in America and the international situation thereby becomes more tense."

"In whose interests? Not, of course, in the interests of the American people, who, like other peoples, are vitally interested in peace. Mr Wallace proposes something else. He appeals to America to return to the policy of President Roosevelt—and therein lies the strength of his position. "For experience has shown—and millions of Americans remember it—that, in Roosevelt's time, the differences between the powers of the anti-Hitler coalition were successfully solved.—Reuter.

4 DIE IN CAMP UPRISING

Marseilles, May 16.—Four pro-French Indo-Chinese were dead today and 71 others wounded—17 seriously—as the result of a mass attack on Saturday night by other conscripts in a French Army Indo-Chinese labour battalion.

Ninety men were under arrest, 68 in the camp and 22 being questioned at police headquarters, while the countryside was being scoured for numerous others who broke out of the camp.

The attackers, armed with hatchets, knives and blunt instruments, fell upon their political opponents as they slept in a camp barrack and hacked, slashed and clubbed them, French sources said. An earlier version said there had been a fight.

Police said they had uncovered a "real arsenal" of knives, hatchets, razors, hammers and clubs.

The attack allegedly was decided on at a meeting. Four of the casualties died today in hospital. They included the Indo-Chinese "delegate" (trustee) of the camp.

The incident was the latest of a series that has gone on in the Indo-Chinese labour battalions since the outbreak of hostilities in Indo-China. The conscripts, mostly sympathetic to the Nationalists in Indo-China, have often raised demands that they be sent home and have attacked elements collaborating with the French.—Associated Press.

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EDITORIAL

The "Key Money" Ramp

THE Telegraph's successful exposure of "key money" house agents, which led last week to the conviction in court of four people who shared in one of these illegal transactions, calls for renewed efforts on the part of the police to stamp out these drones. This was no isolated incident, and the authorities have only to refer to the Telegraph's original story to appreciate there are a dozen such operators who need to be rounded up and brought to court. As we observed at the time, if a newspaper acting independently can make contact with these house agents, surely the police, with their manifold resources can do likewise. Last Friday's case proved there is in existence a so-called house agents who, working in collaboration with property owners and principal tenants, are prepared to racketeer accommodation seekers for thousands of dollars in "key money" and brokerage fees. They are pests and parasites deserving the closest attention of the police and all the effective action which the law can bring to bear against them. One fact of special moment emerged from last week's court case: it was disclosed that certain premises had been allowed to remain vacant for several months while the "house agent" endeavoured to find a tenant willing to pay \$7,000 "key money" and \$700 brokerage fees. It can be presumed there are hundreds of similarly vacant flats and other living quarters in the Colony—a scandalous state of affairs in these days of acute housing shortage. Can nothing be done by the authorities to correct this? It should be made impossible for any property

owner or principal tenant to leave accommodation vacant for months at a time while so many people are striving for living quarters. There should be a record of all private property ownership, tenancy of which should be checked at regular intervals. Government too, might enact the aid to the general public by requesting reports to be made where property is found to be unoccupied. Some time ago we advocated that when house and flats became derelict, Government's quarantining authority should first be satisfied as to how the property was going to be used when handed back to the owner. So many houses and flats have reverted to Chinese ownership only to provide a profitable medium for "key money" in some form or another. When property is derelict, Government should have on record the rent which the owner intends to charge, and when he lets the premises, the names of the tenants. This would enable the authorities to act quickly against the owner or any principal tenant if it were found that excess rent was being charged, or "key money" demanded. Government is apparently satisfied that having declared "key money" excessive rents and surcharges for furniture illegal has done everything possible to protect the public. But outlawing a racket is no deterrent: there must be complementary action that will not only make the racket a difficult undertaking, but will put the authorities in the position of being able to apprehend those who indulge in it. Registration of property owners and tenants is one way of achieving this end.

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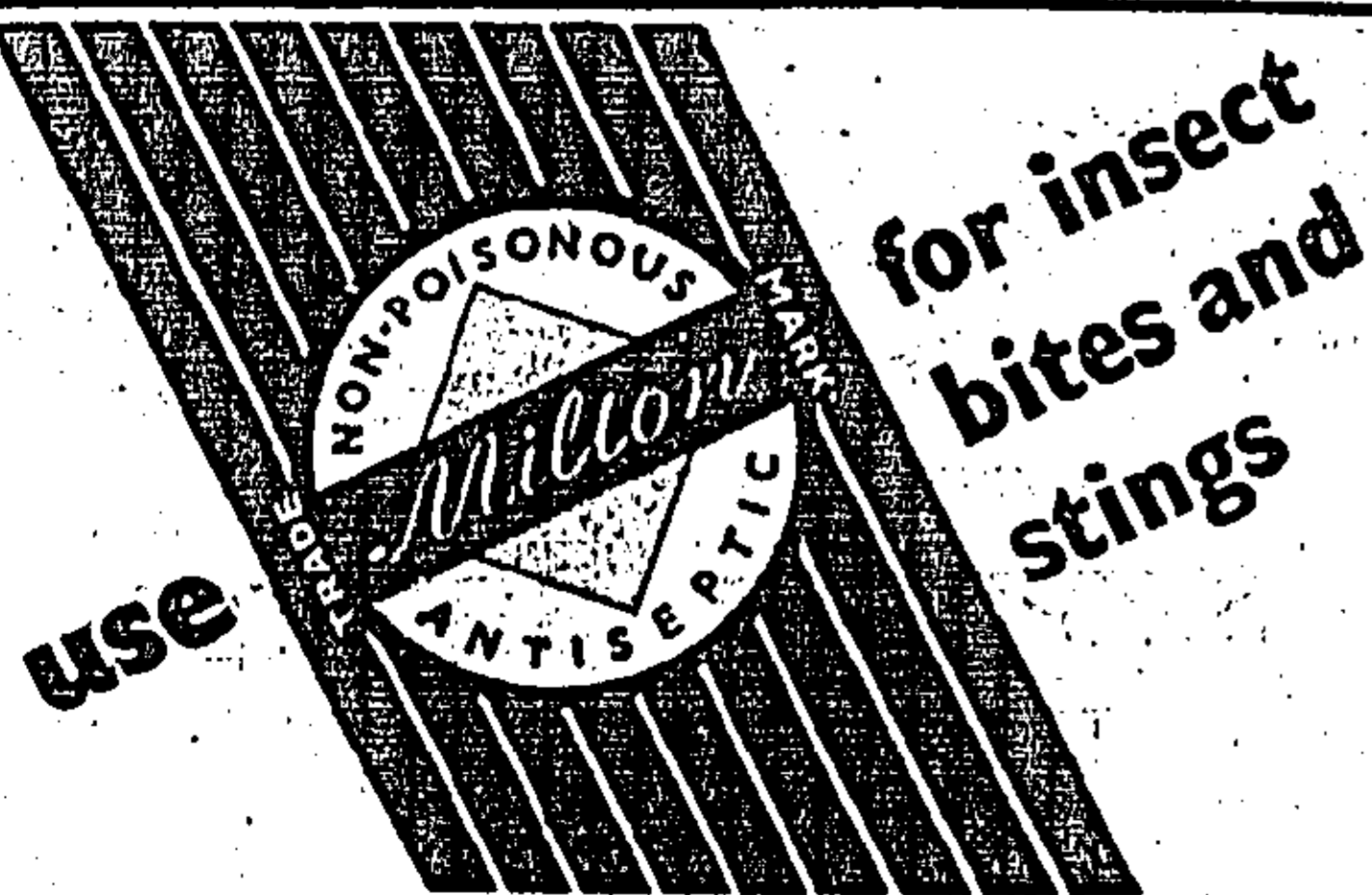
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WOMANSENSE

Girl's Voice From Paris Comes Winter . . . Heard thr' IN SUMMER COATS by Patricia Lennard

By NORINE CLARK

New York.—One of these days pilots who land and take off at LaGuardia Airport are going to get a jolt when they ask the control tower for clearance.

Instead of the unusual man's voice coming over the radio into the cockpit, pilots will hear the pleasant but firm voice of an attractive brunette. The newest addition to the staff of 34 control towers at LaGuardia tower is a girl. She is 25-year-old Maxine Crick, the first girl to be assigned to LaGuardia tower since the Civil Aeronautics Administration took over control in October of 1947.

It is no small honor to be the only girl assistant controller in the tower of the world's busiest airport. Studying Up

That is the job Maxine hopes to have as soon as she finishes what is known as the familiarization period. Right now her job is taking a careful note of all communications to the airport and she is learning all she has to know about the metropolitan area.

When she passes her final rating, she will have as much right as the male assistant controllers to stand in the plane control tower and say into a microphone: "T-W-A cleared to runway 22L. 'Colonel' cleared to land."

Recently Maxine, as Max, as the boys in the tower call her, was transferred from the C-T-A tower in Pittsburgh.

She says, "I have always wanted LaGuardia, but didn't think I had a chance. So I asked for Newark or Westchester. I was really surprised when I was offered LaGuardia."

Likes Her Work

Aside from the fact that the Canton, Ohio girl likes New York, she also likes to keep busy and she is determined to make the most of her job. She says she will, "I have to spend 24 hours a day here." Maxine's love of aviation dates back to her first airplane ride when she was six years old. She decided, then she would have a pilot's licence by the time she was 21, and she did. She got it at McKinley airport in Canton.

That was during the war and soon after she was accepted by the W-A-S-P-S, the women's auxiliary group which ferried planes from factories to air fields. The day she was to leave home, she received a telegram telling her not to—the W-A-S-P-S had been disbanded.

Trained in Navy

That was in July, 1944. So she joined the W-A-S-P-S, hoping she would be assigned to tower work. After the routing train period at the Navy control tower school in Atlanta, Maxine was made a second class petty officer, specialist in control tower. She was assigned to Quonset Point, Rhode Island, where she worked for 17 months.

While there, Maxine handled an emergency so capably—with the help of a dispatch girl and an operations officer—that the three of them received a presidential commendation.

As for romance, right now Maxine is wedded to her job. She says she's not sure she will marry.

Besides, she has just broken an engagement. She gave the ring back the day she found out she was to be transferred to LaGuardia tower.

She says, "I just couldn't see getting married in June when I had an opportunity like LaGuardia."

B. I. F.

Fashion Shoes

An interesting new type of woman's shoe was seen at the British Industrial Fair, which was held from May 3 to 14 in London and Birmingham. It was on view at the Earls Court, London, section of the fair. Made by Newbold & Burton Limited, of Premier Works, Slieby, Loughborough, England, it is claimed that this shoe is technically sounder than the normal platform shoe, and in appearance more attractive. Its platform is made from rubberised cork; repairs can be made as easily and cheaply as on normal makes without disturbing the platform, which insulates the foot from heat and cold; and the double-sealed welt gives effective protection from wet and damp.

RED RYDER

If Red Only Knew

By Fred Harman



HAVE you coupons, cash and a fur coat? If not, they can be adapted to suit your pocket and purpose. For the newest-of-all summer coats are in dress-weight materials like natural linen, poplin or taffeta, and they go to odd lengths, never reaching the hem of your frock.

Paradoxical summer coat, for example, is the fur-trimmed lined box coat (left), flying out at the back in natural linen with a high, fly-away collar.

Figure Flattery



Daytime dress of beige crepe.

By VERA WINSTON

SOFTENING DETAILS: cleverly placed are used by designers for dresses that flatter the less-than-perfect figure. Beige moss crepe is used for a pretty daytime dress on this order. There is nice detail at the neck in the one-sided draping. The cascading drape on the skirt is caught up at one side, topped by a self bow. A balancing bow is perched at the opposite shoulder.

Household Hint

It is a dangerous custom to keep flammable liquids in the home. However, if they must be used, store them in a galvanised steel oil or gas can or other metal container. Never use glass bottles. If they are dropped and broken, the contents may be ignited by just one little spark from a cigarette or match.

Pointers on Perfume



Screen star Dona Drake applies perfume with an atomizer for economy's sake.

By HELEN FOLLETT

IN pre-war days the astute individuals of the perfume industry used to tell us quite solemnly that we should use different perfumes for different coloured frocks, different moods, different occasions. A pretty idea. They worked it all out for us, but how could we remember? Also, only an heiress could afford a large array of forested odors. Prices have soared since then, and the average woman has to keep a weather eye on the beauty budget.

We have to be practical these days. We know that one favourite scent, that we like, banks up on itself, impregnates the entire wardrobe, becomes a part of one's individuality. To find that satisfying aroma is sometimes a problem.

Small Vial

Get a small vial. What may appeal to you at first may not be your liking after you have lived with it a few weeks. Endeavour to find a perfume that is delicate, in-

triguing, that doesn't smack people the nose and cause them to sniff at you. Strong scents are vulgar; they are offensive.

Practice conservation. Get an atomizer; it is a wonderful money saver. Spray your neck and chest before getting into your grand loge.

Cool Place

Keep perfume in a cool place, away from the light, see that the bottle is closely stoppered. Otherwise, evaporation will take place.

Nearly always one can get sachets of the same bouquets or blends as the perfume. They are a good investment. Some of them come in lovely satin envelopes, prettily decorated. Place them in your handkerchief, glove and hat boxes. Tuck little ones in your coat pockets.

Carry a sweet aura with you wherever you go.

Toilet waters are less expensive. You can use them lavishly. And eau de cologne is a grand old stand-

BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

Everything Had Complaints

—And They All Told Them To Christopher Cricket—

By MAX TRELL

"Hello, Knarf!" said Christopher Cricket.

"Hello, Christopher!" returned Knarf, the shadow with the turned-around name. "What have you been doing all day?"

"I've been walking through the house where the children live, listening to complaints."

"Listening to complaints?" said Knarf in surprise. "Who is complaining in the children's house?"

Door Complaining

"Lots of things," said Christopher Cricket. "The door is complaining because it is always being slammed. I had a long talk with Door. It isn't happy."

"Oh," said Knarf. "I didn't know a door could talk."

"It can talk to me," said Christopher. "It said that being slammed wasn't the only thing it had to complain about. It said it was always being rapped on by people's knuckles. All day long, it said, it was pushed and pulled, open and shut. It never got any rest at all. And the chairs in the children's house were complaining to me, too."

"What were the chairs complaining about, Christopher?"

It Wasn't Fair

"They were complaining that everyone came and sat on them. But they had to keep standing. They said it wasn't fair."

Knarf said he had never thought of that before. But the chairs were right. They stood while others sat.

"And the bed, too," added Christopher Cricket. "It stays up while others sleep. And the clock was complaining because it always had to,



"The chairs were all complaining," said Christopher Cricket.

Keep going and yet it always stayed in the same place, a wall. A single complaint that people were always looking right through it. And the carpet complained that it was always being stepped on. And the water complained that it was always too hot or too cold. And—

Knarf Looks So Worried

Then Christopher Cricket stopped and chuckled because Knarf looked so worried.

"Not everything complained, though," said Christopher.

"No?" said Knarf, suddenly feeling cheerful again.

"No, indeed! The broom was happy because it kept the whole house so clean. The shoes and the clothes were all happy because they went out when the children did. The books were happy because they were always being read. The pen and the pencils were happy because they could write. And the happiest one of all was the mirror, because whenever anyone looked in it, it always looked right back!"

Make Your Own Compact Desk

By JAY W. WORTHINGTON

Does your room have room for a desk? Bed, chair, and storage units often jam a teen's under-size "extra" room to the point—where visiting friends must sit on the radiator.

You can make a "disappearing" desk by borrowing an idea used on ships, where cabins are tiny. You can, that is, if you get permission to put screws or nails into your walls—and if you can and are willing to do a bit of carpentry.

The idea is to hinge the desk, or writing surface, to a wall. A single "leg" or support, also hinged to the wall, supports your desk-top. Top and support swing free so that both hang flat against the wall when not in use. The only materials you need are three or four sturdy metal hinges, with four fitting screws, and a wood packing case for top and props.

Easier to make is the hinged type of desk that drops down (instead of being pulled up). It is supported by wires at both ends, which are screwed to the wall. But this type is less stable, and the wires always seem to get in your way.

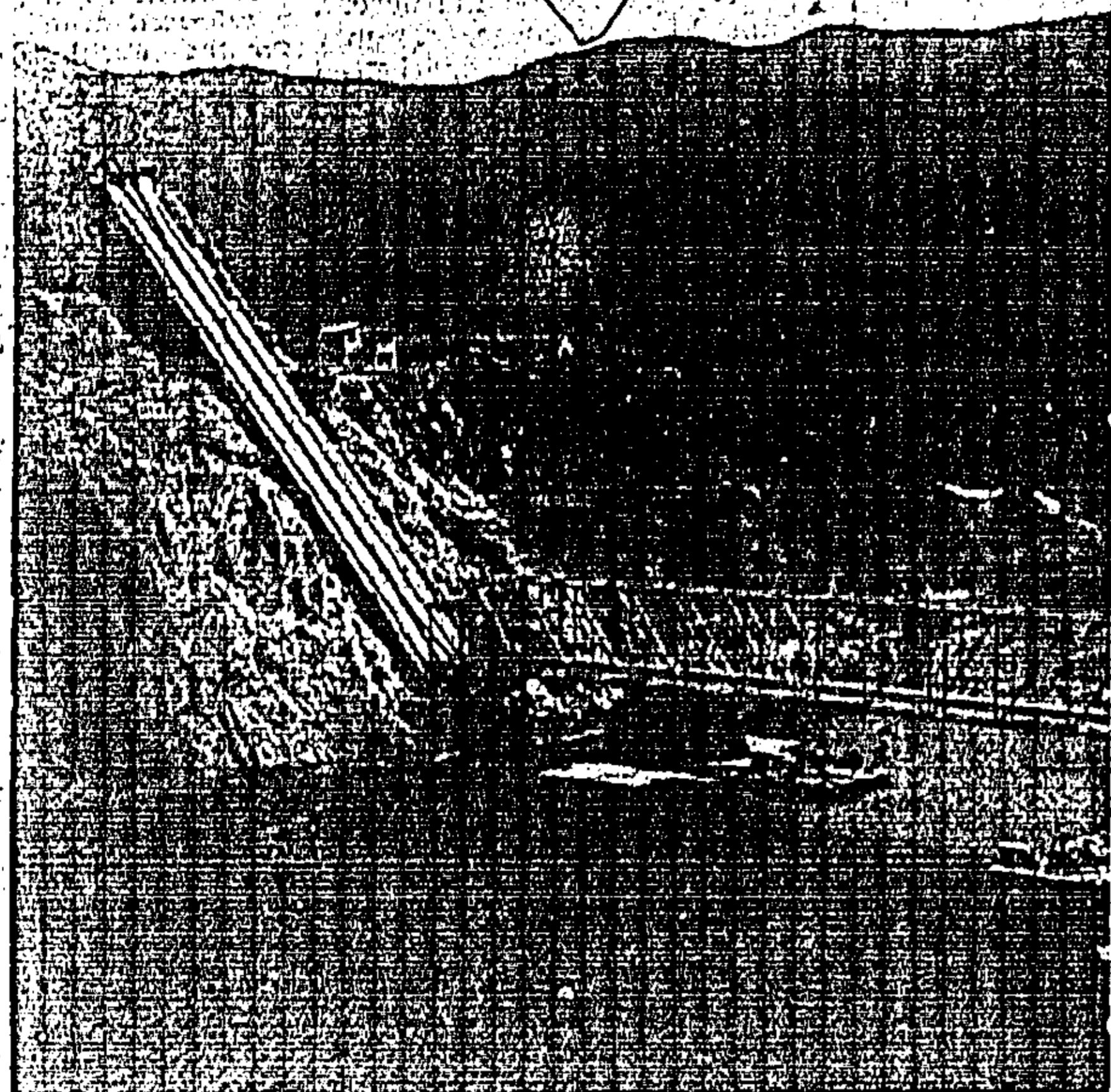
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Rupert helps Dr. Lion—39



"Still feeling very puzzled Rupert puts on the dark glasses and follows the other two back into the mountain by another way. The light gets brighter as they enter a room surrounded by shafts and tubes and buzzing machinery. William touches a large wheel. 'This is how we control that huge magnifying glass that you saw, so that we can keep it pointing in the sun, and catching as much sunshine as possible,' he says. 'Yes, but what do you do with the sunshine when you've caught it?' asks Rupert. 'ALL RIGHT!'"

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



TORPEDO TESTING—The general view at left shows the U.S. Navy's 300-foot torpedo launching slide and pier for testing new techniques at Pasadena, California, where torpedoes are shot at high speeds obtained by air compression rather than by explosives at Morris Dam. At right, scientists and workmen load a torpedo from a crane into the launching tube.



BLOSSOM TIME—A cool miss is actress Suzanne Casey, lounging amid snowflakes and ice plant in a bathing suit during Hollywood's Flower Show. The snowflakes are actually icicles.



INTRODUCTION TO BASEBALL—General Claire Chennault and his Chinese wife seen by the cameraman at a big league baseball game in Washington. The famous leader of the Flying Tigers and spouse have now returned to Shanghai.



ARTISTS' LIFE ON THE TROBRIANDS—Sitting in the sun before their thatched huts, about what goes on in the rest of the world, the wood carvers of Bwoytalu village, in New Guinea Archipelago, ply their trade. These craftsmen lend great imagination to the art of making wooden platters, hunting and fishing spears, staffs, bailers, bowls and tablets.



JUST A GUD—But a team of demolition experts at Earle, New Jersey, treated this depth charge with the proper respect until they were sure. The depth charge was discovered off Staten Island, New York.

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The company of Cain

By B. E. MILES

IN the carpenter's shop there were 25 men; 20 were relieved murderers, serving life sentences. Twenty men who had killed; experienced the agony of the murder trial; faced the judge in his black cap; lived the wretched life of the condemned cell, and approached appointment with the hangman; and then—under the shadow of the gallows—been relieved.

When I joined them they were engaged on the interior woodwork for a new chapel. The benches up and down the shop were laden with great roof principals, pillars, pews, and pieces of pulpit.

The floor was deep with sweet-smelling shavings of pine and oak.

And 20 murderers were deeply engrossed in creating a new place of worship, to be used by succeeding murderers for generations to come.

For three years I worked with them and studied them.

When I first met them it was with a feeling of awe, thinking of them as men who were different from their fellows. I could not forget the background.

THE 'ARISTOCRATS'

I could not suppress a sudden start when I realised that the benign old man with the white hair, so intent on setting his gauge, was the once notorious X of the W murder; or that the fresh-faced youth, so skilfully carving an altar piece, was actually Y, who had . . .

But as time went past I became accustomed to all this. I forgot the background. I became able, to consider these men without bias.

And gradually I realised some interesting facts about the murderers serving life sentences.

In the first place, they differed from other criminals in that they were not a type. They did not have some feature, or features, common to all of them, or even to several of them.

Street corner boys, violent robbers, confidence tricksters and sexual perverts are apt to run to type. They have certain characteristics in common.

Their eyes, their ideas, the books they read, their reaction to authority, and their talk—above all, their talk—link them together.

The tricker will be tricky in little things as well as big. But it is not so with the murderers.

They are as diverse as the chance travellers in a bus, and—I would dare to say—as harmless.

They regard themselves, and with some justification, as the aristocracy of the prison.

TALK NORMALLY

Generally speaking, they are not men who have cunningly and deliberately followed some tortuous criminal path.

They have not swindled and robbed and cheated; and, for the most part they would not do so.

And whereas the conversation of the forger and the burglar is all of the latest practices in the arts of modern forgery and burglary the conversation of the relieved murderer is that of reasonably normal men; looking forward, rather timidly, to some decent future.

Quite often they are ordinary little men who have been exposed to some great temptation, or caught in the torrent of some violent passion.

You would never become a seven-day drunk; you have not the skill to make a forger, or the courage to make a burglar; but can you say, given certain circumstances, that it is not just possible that you could become a murderer?

WHEN THEY LEAVE

When they come out of prison, which they do on an average after serving ten to 15 years, they settle back into life quietly and gratefully.

The forger and the burglar only too frequently return to their evil, and go back to prison time after time.

But is there a case on record of a relieved murderer committing a second murder? If so, it is quite exceptional.

Now, at first sight, all this looks like an argument for the abolition of the death sentence; and it has, in recent months, been used as such.

It is, in fact, nothing of the kind; rather the reverse.

It is, as well, to be argued that a reformer's drabard makes a case for the abolition of the death sentence.

The whole point is that these men are not only murderers; they are murderers who have been relieved; which means that, after microscopic examination, something about each case has been found which justifies reprieve.

DREAD SENTENCE

As an argument for judicial reprieve, and for the efficiency of its application, it is unanswerable; as an argument for some sort of degrees being introduced to the murder charge it may be powerful; but as an argument for the abolition of the death sentence itself—it is negligible.

There is not, and never should be, one real gunman among these men, or one calculating poisoner.

They are not of the breed of men who have made violence their creed, and who mean to shoot their way out of any corner.

They are men who, in certain circumstances, have committed murder; not men who will commit murder in any circumstances.

In fact, they are an argument for the retention of the death sentence—it only as a deterrent.

For, after making some allowance for bravado, it was impossible to listen to these men without realising what a dread thing in their lives the death sentence had been; and how immense, even years afterwards, was the relief of reprieve.

Many of them told me so—and they should know.

MISTER GINGER

This is how John Deane Potter wrote up Hongkong's U Tat-chee in the Daily Express. U is one of Hongkong's delegates to the British Industries Fair.



MR GINGER—a plumpish fifty-year-old Chinese called U Tat-chee—arrived in London recently.

He is the head of the biggest ginger distributors in the world, and he hopes before he leaves Britain to conclude a deal which will give Britain's housewives enough ginger to last them for years.

His first object is to sell us a "sample" of 250 tons.

"Mr. Ginger," in his well-cut suit, is a very different person from the pig-tailed sweetmeat hawk called Chi who, more than 100 years ago, stood on a street corner in Canton, just up the river from Hongkong. Chi used to experiment in his paper-windowed house—with a sweet root which grew in the fields of his province.

One day an Englishman bought some of his roots and liked them. He sent cases of Chi's preserved ginger back to his friends in Britain. Someone gave a jar of it to Queen Victoria, who liked it so much she gave an order that no banquets were to be prepared without preserved ginger was not served as a dessert.

When this happened the future of pig-tailed Chi was assured. He opened a factory and took the name of Prosperous Chi. Now there are 11 factories in Hongkong making preserved ginger.

Mandarin of the manufacturers is U Tat-chee, but he has his troubles. Britain has always been the biggest market for preserved ginger; now the trade is only a third of what it was before the war. Also it costs 12s. 6d. for a half-pound jar, instead of the pre-war 5s. 6d. for two and a half pounds.

Mr. Ginger: "Hongkong has a monopoly of ginger preserving because only the roots grown from the neighbouring districts are suitable. Other ginger is hard and hot and unsuitable for Western markets."

He has prepared for his visit in the best tradition of his pig-tailed predecessor by sending 12 jars of ginger to the Queen.



SHOULD CAPITAL PUNISHMENT BE ABOLISHED?

All the spending a week in Rome to take wooing a sounding after the voting frenzy has left Italy dangerously cocky

THE first lock-out notice in Italy since 1922 went up ten days after the great election victory of Alcide de Gasperi's Christian Democrat party over the Communist-Socialist Popular Front.

The notice was put up on the boards and gates of the great Falk metal works at Sesto, San Giovanni, near Milan.

Now from a purely business point of view this lock-out is without doubt amply justified.

For the previous three weeks the transport workers of the Falk concern in Sesto, San Giovanni, had been on strike, and rejecting all arbitration proposals. Trucks had been piling up in the sidings, while the workers refused to load or unload them.

The firm had been paying out millions of lire for the delay. And the stoppage of supplies meant that hundreds of hands in the factory were idle while receiving full pay.

Sounds Logical

"We cannot afford this," said the management, "we must close the works until a settlement is reached."

All of which sounds quite logical. But I wonder whether it is politic?

For the fact that this lock-out is the first since 1922, and that it follows so closely on the defeat of the Popular Front, gives it all the appearance of being a showdown. And, what is more, a showdown forced on de Gasperi by his triumphant Right-wing backers before he has had time to arrange his new Government, strike the balance between his Right and Left-wing supporters, or make clear what kind of an industrial and labour policy he intends to follow.

The situation has been made no easier by the workers. They are refusing to accept the lock-out, and

"There were no lock-outs under Mussolini's Fascist regime. Lock-outs—like strikes—were illegal. Nor did the Allied Military Government permit them. And there was none under the Italian Government that followed A.M.G.—not until now."

SEFTON DELMER'S NEWSMAP

say that they will occupy the workshops. The police announce that force will be used, if necessary against trespassers.

And the Communists are rubbing their hands.

They may yet keep control of the trades unions if the other side's extremists, exulting above themselves in their unexpectedly complete victory, set about frightening the workers back into Communist allegiance.

And believe me, for the moment they are above themselves.

I stopped off in Rome on my way back from Athens to take Italy's post-election temperature and find out what I could on how things are going to develop there now.

I found it feverish. The attention Italy had been getting from West and East seemed to have gone to its head.

The Italians I talked with—duchesses, journalists, anti-Communists, Socialists, industrialists, all with one exception—and he was a Communist high-up—spoke of the election victory not as a mere election victory. It was a great battle which Italy, fighting single-handed with the greatest self-sacrifice and the most heroic daring, had won against insuperable odds on behalf of the rest of the world.

Each political group extolled its own contribution and expected political concessions in accordance. There was little readiness to give and take.

Their Tactics

THE Communists are delighted. They are hoping to play off the conflicting currents among the Government supporters against each other, not in the Chamber, where de Gasperi's party has an absolute majority, but in the Senate, where it has none.

They count on offsetting the challenge of the Saragat secessionists and their own waning popularity in the unions—recent elections in the textile workers and railway workers' unions showed a diminishing Communist vote—by exploiting the Government's handling of labour in the big lay-off that is coming.

Italian industry since the war has been deliberately over-staffed with workers to prevent unemployment.

Now it is expected that the Government will authorise employers to dismiss these supernumeraries.

among them no doubt many Communist agitators. And however skilfully they handle this problem, the Communists argue, the Government are bound to come in conflict with organised labour as a consequence.

I agree. That is why de Gasperi cannot afford to have his Socialist allies attacked in the arrogance of victory.

This victory intoxication is going to cause trouble for the Italian Government outside Italy as well. I shall be surprised if America and Britain don't find themselves up against it with a bump, and quite soon, too.

Mr. Ivor Thomas, M.P., in particular, has a surprise waiting for him. He should hasten to Rome before he makes any more speeches proposing that Italy be admitted to the Western Union "as a reward" for not allowing the Communists to win the election.

"Reward my foot," say the Italians. "Before we even so much as discuss joining the Western Union there must be a complete revision of the Peace Treaty. If we are to be allies, we must be allies on a basis of equality."

Rearmament

REVISION means rearmament (logical enough if Italy is to be a bulwark against Soviet Russia and her allies), return by France of such "greater rectifications" as Brigue and Tende, and, above all, return of Italy's former colonies.

The fact that any Italian attempt to re-establish their administration in Libya will be fought by the Arabs, that it will cost millions of dollars to set up Italian settlers there after Arab resistance has been crushed—all this is of no account today. Italy, drunk with victory, now once more has a "civilising mission" in North Africa. And the highest Foreign Office officials are as chauvinistic as everyone else.

But I do not believe the Italians have any serious intention of joining the Western Union, even if they are given all the "revision" they ask.

They prefer not to join either bloc, but to go on being wooed and courted by both. Miss Italy does not want marriage.

She believes there are more present and more treats to be got out of flirtation. And so I feel safe in predicting that when we start talking Western Union with her we shall hear a great deal about "Italy as a bridge between East and West," the usefulness to Europe of a "neutral Italy," and Italy's need of markets in the Danube Basin.

This, to be sure, has nothing to do with victory intoxication, but is just the sober traditional policy of Italy.

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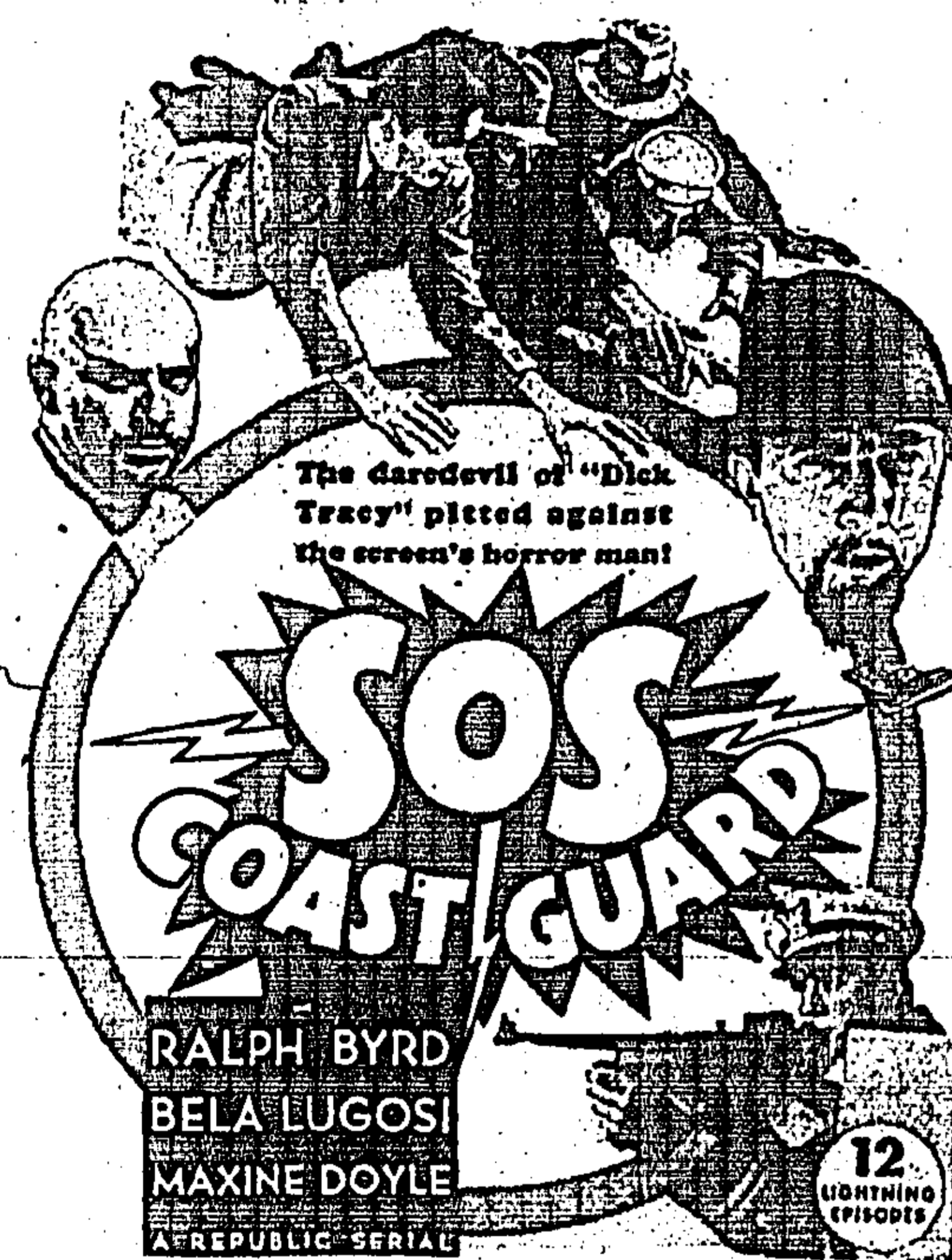
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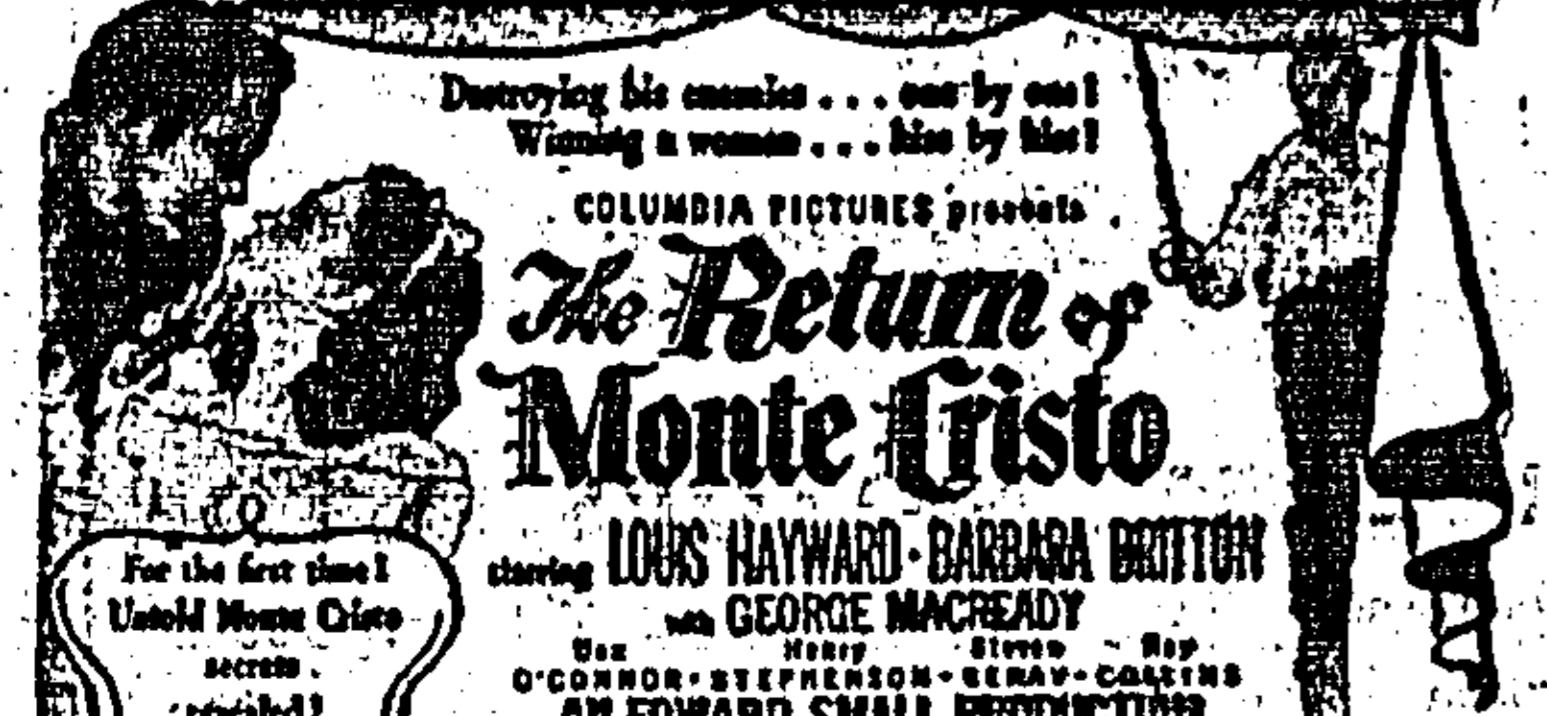
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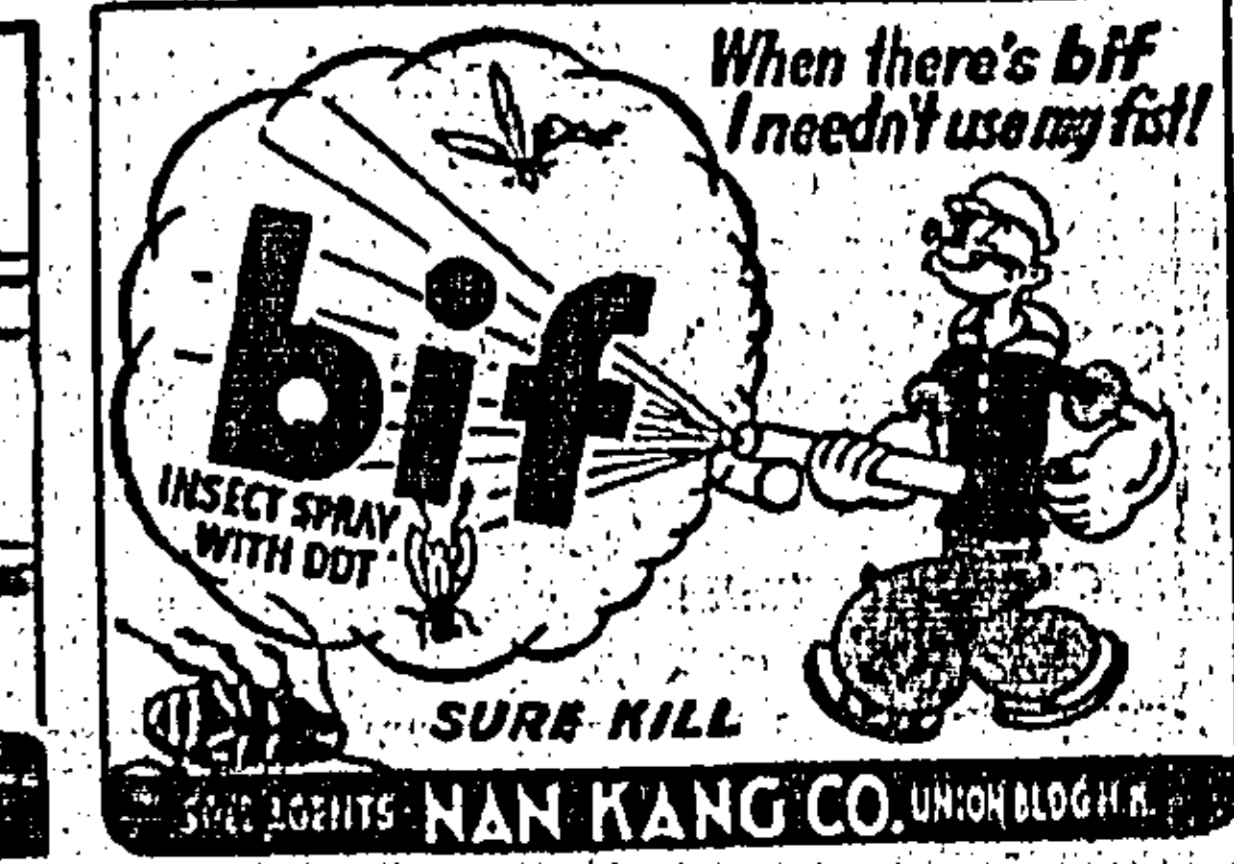


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CHRIST DIED IN JAPAN CLAIM

By ERNEST HOBRECHT

Heral, Japan, May 17.—Peasants of this northern Honshu village claim that Christ lived, died and was buried here after fleeing from his persecutors in Palestine.

They also claim that the Virgin Mary is buried here along with the hair and an ear of Christ's brother, who disguised himself and was crucified in place of Christ, who fled through Siberia and Alaska before making his home here.

The "graves" are about two miles outside of this village. They are between two low hills, are about 24 feet apart and are marked by two square poles about 10 feet high.

The story of Christ's life in Japan is a legend that the people of this village claim to have handed down from generation to generation.

According to the legend, Christ first visited Japan when he was 21 years old, remained here until he was 32. He was said to have assumed the Japanese name of "Tenku Taro Juro" and to have learned to speak and write the Japanese language.

TRAVELLED ALL OVER

Villagers here said Christ travelled all over Japan, stopping for periods at various shrines and offering prayers.

When Christ was 34, he went back to Palestine, according to the legend of this village. He is supposed to have told his followers about "the sacred heaven of Japan." "Christ's teachings at that time were not welcomed," says the written account of a story that has been prepared by the local authorities. "Scholars were especially opposed to his teachings and at last he was to be crucified."

However, Christ's brother disguised himself as Christ and was crucified on a cross. The Jesus Christ managed to escape and took refuge in Siberia from where his whereabouts became unknown.

"Just before he left Palestine Jesus said: 'Soon thou shalt not see me any more. I shall be going to my father.' These words are in the Bible also. By father he meant Japan. When he fled from Palestine he had made up his mind to come to Japan again."

RETURNED TO JAPAN

"After roaming around various countries, Christ four years later, on February 26, landed at Kalgurassato, Aomori Prefecture, from Alaska."

"After coming to Japan again, Christ again called himself Tenku Taro and lived in the village of Heral. He died at the age of 100, and he is buried in Heral hill of Heral village."

The village people have a song which they say sounds like ancient Hebrew music. Even though they sing it, they do not claim to know the meaning of the words.

They said ancient cooking utensils had been found at a nearby site where Christ's house stood.—United Press.

NO BODIES FOUND

Athens, May 16.—A four day's search of snow-covered Mount Ghiona, central Greece, failed to reveal any trace of 40 babies reported to have been strangled by guerrillas, a Greek Government medical party stated today.

Government officials suggested the "bandits" removed the corpses at night after their discovery by a military party on May 4.—Reuter.

PAULA BY DENNIS WHEATLEY

In search of a clue to attempted murder, Paula and Meadows find a case of romance.



Czech Air Force Men Flee Reds

Munich, May 16.—The British-trained Czechoslovak Air Force is deserting wholesale and fleeing into Germany, a refugee officer said today.

The officer, a lieutenant whose name cannot be disclosed for his own safety, said only five percent of the Officer Corps, which the RAF taught during the war, is Communist-minded.

The airmen are sneaking over the border by land. It is no longer possible for them to steal planes.

Recently, the informant said, all officers were called into hear a harangue by a politician. They were told the Air Corps was known to be pro-British and anti-Communist, and that this had to stop. All officers were ordered either to join the party or swear allegiance to it. The response was silence, the informant said.

The fugitive officers, it is said, consider that President Eduard Benes is no longer ruling the country, and therefore their action is not desertion.

There are at least 1,000 former Czech military men now in Bavaria. Refusing to join the Communists means they cannot even eat, they said, and that is why flight is the only recourse.

Czechoslovak Minister of State Anton Zapotocny said in a speech that the government would have no further need for enemies of the state.—Associated Press.

Permanent War Crimes Court

Washington, May 16.—Brigadier General Telford Taylor, chief United States prosecutor at the Nuremberg war crimes trials, called today for a permanent world court to pass judgment on any such cases in the future.

General Taylor, in Washington, to make a report to the Secretary for the Army, Kenneth Royall, on the trials, told a press conference he thought such a world court would be established eventually, adding that developments within the United Nations indicate a trend in that direction.

General Taylor said the records and decisions of the Nuremberg tribunals "constitute a landmark in the development of International Law as well as a vital source of information upon the basis of which history can be written for more truthfully and fully than would otherwise have been possible."—Associated Press.



SUCCEEDS MOUNTBATTEN—Appointment of Chakravarti Rajagopalachari, aged 69, as India's new Governor-General has been approved by King George VI on the recommendation of the Government of India. (AP).

CHALLENGE TO UNESCO MEETING

San Francisco, May 16.—The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization closed a three-day Pacific regional conference after being told it must "choose fast" whether to be a "militant organized force for peace" or to stay in quiet waters out of danger.

The challenge was voiced at the final session by Dr. G. Stoddard, President of the University of Illinois, speaking before 2,000 UNESCO delegates from seven Western States, Hawaii and Alaska. Dr. Stoddard said: "The long-time plans of UNESCO are indeed marvellous," but he demanded to know why "we are not knee-deep in the Palestine problem, today of all days."

He asked: "Similarly, where is UNESCO in the Chinese conflict, in India, in Pakistan? Have we nothing to say about the status of peace in Spain, in Italy, in South America?" The speaker reminded delegates: "The unique, permanent, exciting business of UNESCO is to contribute to a just peace, but we must choose fast."

"If UNESCO is merely competing with existing efforts to spread knowledge, it is entering a crowded field, ill-prepared to add much weight."

"Peace is not simply a word and is never a static condition. It is a social achievement of the highest magnitude. We expect to pay dearly for war, but we like to think of peace as cheap, simple, serene. It is none of these."—United Press.

Strike-Torn Minnesota

South St. Paul, Minnesota, May 16.—National Guard troops were ordered to Albert Lea, Minnesota, today to extend state control over strike-torn areas in the bitter CIO Packinghouse Workers' strike.

Heavily-armed troops continued to patrol meat plants here and at nearby Newport after wrestling control of the streets at bayonet point from massed pickets yesterday.

Officials said all was quiet today. Colonel Harlan Byrnes, Chief of Staff of the State Adjutant General's office, said additional troops would be sent to Albert Lea, 120 miles south, some time today, at the request of local officials.

Sheriff Hjalmer Wulff at Albert Lea said that between 300 and 400 pickets had been missing at the Wilson and Company plant in the last two days.—United Press.

Greek Guerillas' Treasury Found

Athens, May 16.—The Greek police today claimed to have discovered the guerrillas' "treasury"—8,000 gold sovereigns which they alleged belong to the Greek Communist Party.

Several leading Communists were reported to have been arrested in connection with the discovery.—Reuter.

Raids On Tel-Aviv: Palestine Latest

(Continued from Page 1)

Fierce fighting was reported tonight for the possession of the French monastery at Latrun. The Jewish capture of the Latrun detention camp and the Arab village of Deir Ayyub, in the same area at the Tel-Aviv end of the Bab El Wadi pass, on the Jerusalem road, appears to have cut off the Arab forces in the town of Ramleh.

POWER STATION CAPTURED—The Iraqi claim to have crossed the Jordan was made in a Defence Ministry communique issued in Baghdad on the second day of the Arab invasion, started when Egyptian forces crossed the southern frontier at midnight on Friday.

According to the Baghdad communique, the Iraqi forces captured the Rutberg power installations. These appear to be the electric power installations at Nahariya—

the only one of its kind in Palestine—some 10 miles south of Lake Tiberias, on the Jordan. Iraqi planes, the communique added, has showered leaflets on Kashur and Blisan, two Jewish settlements, promising the inhabitants "safe conduct" if they surrendered unconditionally.

Forty Jews and a "quantity of arms" were stated to have been captured. The Iraqi troops were understood in Baghdad to be led by the Regent, Emir Abdul Ilah, who, before the advance began, told his men: "I wish you good luck and a decisive victory in co-operation with other armies in the liberation of Palestine from Zionism and world Jewry after diplomacy had failed to secure the Arabs' just rights."

JEWS DRIVEN OUT—Syrian troops are claimed to have occupied a former British Army camp near Samakh, south of the sea of Galilee. A Damascus communique stated that the Jews had been driven from three settlements, and Nageib on the east coast of the Sea of Galilee had been checked by Syrian forces. It was added that the Syrians had raided several Jewish settlements in support of the advancing Lebanese columns.

Unofficial reports in Cairo tonight indicated that the Egyptian forces in Palestine had advanced some distance northeast from Gaza and were under 40 miles from Tel-Aviv. The Egyptians were in action against Jewish forces for the first time and were advancing under artillery and mortar fire, these reports added.

King Abdullah's Arab Legionnaires reported to be advancing across the eastern frontiers in response to appeals from Arab mayors in Palestine begging him to protect Arab life and property. The Legionnaires have occupied Jericho.

HAGANAH COMMUNIQUE—In a communique today, Haganah said at least 200 Arab soldiers were killed in the fighting for Malakia village, on the Lebanese frontier. Haganah claimed that the Arab seepers of Acre, north of Haifa, was besieged and that its surrender was expected at any moment. Last reports from the Arab town said it was still being held by the Arabs.

A Jewish victory in the battle for the control of the vital Jerusalem-Tel-Aviv highway was also reported by Haganah, which claimed the capture of the strategically important Arab village of Deir Ayyub at the end of the Bab El Wadi pass, some 14 miles out of Jerusalem.

Deir Ayyub was the main Arab stronghold in the battle for the pass, which has raged for more than a week since the Arabs set up a solid roadblock by blasting rock down from roadside cliffs.

The Arabs are strongly entrenched in the massive stone buildings of the French Trappist monastery commanding the approaches to Latrun, former Jewish detention camp.

The monastery stands on a hillside near the junction of the Jerusalem-Tel-Aviv road and the road which branches off to the north.

Arab guns were still attacking the monastery unless the shelling stopped. Haganah also said Arabs were still attacking the Jewish Nirim settlement in the Negev—the desert on Palestine's southern borders—with armoured vehicles.

THE FIRST GAZETTE—The first official Gazette of Israel's Provisional Government appeared today, carrying an appeal to the citizens of the State to rally round the Government "in the hour of supreme test."

It declared: "We are not standing alone. We are supported by the Jewish people of Diaspora, (the Jews outside Palestine), and behind us is the conscience of civilised humanity."

Describing the military campaign, immigration and building up of the State as the Government's immediate three-fold task, the appeal warned that there would be "blood, tears, sacrifice of property and lives, toil and work" for all citizens.

It called on the Jewish community to respect the equal rights of Arabs living within the Israel boundaries. The appeal concluded: "Citizens let us maintain the honour of our young State to arms."

A Haganah communique declared earlier today that Egyptian planes yesterday bombed a Royal Air Force temporary aerodrome and wounded eight British soldiers.

Egyptian planes also machine-gunned a British armoured unit yesterday on the Hebron-Jaffa road, the communique said. It added that the officer commanding the British unit had been instructed to take no action but to ask for new orders if there was a further attack.—Reuter.

Solid South Democrats Plan Revolt

Washington, May 16.—Senator Olin Johnson, leader of the South's "ditch Truman" forces, said today that he would nominate General Eisenhower for President at the Democratic National Convention.

It was the first time an important Southern Democrat had pledged himself to a "nominato-Eisenhower" move at the convention in Philadelphia on July 19.

Senator Johnson aired his views in a radio interview. He angrily denied the recent assertion by the Democratic National Chairman, Mr. J. Howard McGrath, that "there is no revolt" against President Truman in the traditionally Democratic solid South. He said he could "assure" Mr. McGrath that one South Carolina delegate to the convention will support Harry Truman.

The state will select its convention delegates on Wednesday.

Asserting that anti-Truman feeling was strong among Democrats, not only in the South but in northern states such as New York, Senator Johnson said: "With Truman on the ticket, the Democratic Party wouldn't even carry Missouri in the November elections."

The South Carolina Democrat disclosed reports that the revolting Southerners might throw their support behind the "favourite son" of Dixie.—United Press.

Scholarships To Australia

Canberra, May 16.—William MacMahon Ball, former British Commonwealth representative on the Far Eastern Commission, will leave on May 24 for South-east Asia to select students for Australian scholarships and arrange for the sending of Australian relief supplies.

In announcing this today, Mr. Herbert V. Evatt, External Affairs Minister, said the scholarships will be mainly in engineering, agricultural and veterinary sciences, with a few in arts and sciences.

Ball will select about 25 students from Malaya, Burma, Java, the Philippines, China, Indo-China and possibly Siam.

The relief supplies will be distributed in accordance with UN recommendations.

Mr. Evatt said he hopes these positive steps to promote international understanding will strengthen ties between Australian and southern peoples.—Associated Press.

BERLIN FIGHT

Berlin, May 16.—The German heavyweight champion, Heini Hoff of Hamburg, weighing 210 lbs, successfully defended his title against Arno Koebelin of Berlin weighing at 207 lbs, by a knockout in the fifth round today.

Forty-five thousand spectators, including several thousand allied personnel at the Olympic stadium, booed both fighters for their fight, but the ability of Hoff downed Koebelin in the fourth round for a count of eight with a heavy right hook.

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HYDERABAD'S PEACE MOVE

New Delhi, May 16.—Reliable sources understood that Lalk All the Prime Minister of Hyderabad, had written to the Governor-General, Earl Mountbatten, asking for minimum terms for the settlement of differences with India.

It was said that after confidential consultations, Earl Mountbatten had informed Hyderabad that while the Government of India did not want to march into Hyderabad it would not tolerate the border incursions of the Razakars, an allegedly terrorist Moslem uniformed movement dedicated to the perpetuation of the Moslem Dynasty of the Nizam and the protection of the dominant Moslem minority.

India demanded that Hyderabad ban the Razakars.

It was reported that Earl Mountbatten had assured Hyderabad that the Indian Government had no intention of interfering in the internal autonomy of that country.—United Press.

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STASSEN AS NURSEMAID—Republican candidate for nomination for U.S. President "serves" as a nursemaid to three children at a political rally in Nebraska. The children were attending their first political rally. (AP).

Sweden In 3rd Round Of Davis Cup

Hungary Leads France

Stockholm, May 16.—Sweden advanced to the third round of the European Davis cup zone by winning the doubles against Switzerland in straight sets. King Gustaf, who returned from the Riviera on Saturday, attended the game.

Lennart Bergelin and Torsten Johansson, who each won their singles on Saturday, defeated Max Albrecht and Hans Hunder 6-1, 6-1 and 6-3. Associated Press.

Paris, May 16.—Hungary's Joseph Asboth and Anton Stolpa beat the French Bernard Destremau and Marcel Bernard, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4, 2-6 and 6-2 in the second round of the Davis Cup doubles match today.

Thus Hungary is leading France by 2 matches to one.—United Press.

BRAZIL ELIMINATED

Prague, May 16.—Czechoslovakia eliminated Brazil from the Davis Cup today, when Ferdinand Vrbna beat Brazil's Ernest Peterson, 7-0, 6-3, 6-4 and 6-1 in the first of today's reversed singles matches.

Under a hot sun, with a capacity crowd of 6,000 in the Saint Vancie stadium, Peterson won himself out taking the first set.

Both players started erratically but by the middle of the first set they had settled down to a careful game with long rallies from the baselines.

With Peterson tired, Vrbna started rushing to the net occasionally in the second set to take points with fast well-placed shots. In the third set he retired again to baseline duelling.

Czechoslovak Jaroslav Drobny beat Brazil's Manoel Fernandes in the final singles match when the Brazilian retired in the second set owing to illness.

Thus Czechoslovakia won the tie by four matches to one.

The Brazilian team manager, Alvaro Osorio took Fernandez out of the game after Drobny won the first set 6-0 and led 5-1 in the second set. Officials said that Fernandez was running a temperature this morning.—United Press.

LEAD REDUCED

Brussels, May 16.—Argentina reduced Belgium's lead in the second round of the Davis Cup today when Enrique Kera and Alejo Russell beat Belgium's Philip Washer and Jacques Feten, 8-10, 6-3, 6-2 and 8-6.

Belgium now leads two matches to one.

The first set provided some of the most thrilling tennis seen in Brussels for a long time, both sides engaging in electric volleying duels with Russell and Washer, the outstanding men on the court.

After losing the first set, the Argentinians tied down to fine teamwork. The match produced brilliant play on both sides of the net, but the Argentinians demonstrated their superiority with beautifully placed lobs and brilliant smashes.

The Belgians took a 2-0 lead in the fourth set but Russell and Moreira levelled. Then followed a great duel in which the Argentinians more accurately placed brought them victory.

IN HIS FAREWELL SEASON

Bradman Still Tops The Drawing Card List

Donald G. Bradman has announced that the fifth and last Test Match against the Indians would be his farewell first-class cricket appearance in a game in Australia.

The Don, after 20 years as a cricket's headliner, would still be the first man picked in a world eleven, and he is retiring with a string of records that may never be equalled.

Through his genius, Bradman has raised Australia to the pinnacle of undisputed world champions. His flashing bat has conquered the cream of the bowling talent of all countries and built the foundation for huge scores which plus his leadership, makes him the facile princeps in the cricketing world.

At the announcement of his retirement, deep concern was expressed from all English-speaking countries, and the Marylebone Cricket Club—controllers of cricket in England—expressed gratification that Bradman would accompany the Australians for another world's championship series in England.

GREATEST IN HISTORY

He is one of the greatest drawing cards in the history of the game, and "Bradman's In" is sufficient to double the gate anywhere in Australia.

Australian Batting Averages

	Innings	Not out	Runs	Highest Score	Average
K. R. Miller	4	2	288	202	144.50
D. G. Bradman	3	-	324	146	111.33
S. Barnes	3	-	203	176	69.33
W. A. Brown	5	-	266	200	53.20
A. Morris	5	-	249	130	49.80
A. L. Hassel	5	1	218	110	44.50
Ian Johnson	3	1	64	46	32.00
R. A. Hamence	4	1	112	50	28.00
D. Tallon	4	1	81	50	27.00
R. N. Harvey	5	1	60	18	15.00
R. Lindwall	3	-	36	32	12.00
W. A. Johnston	3	1	23	12	11.50
E. Toshack	1	-	8	8	8.00
R. A. Siggers	1	-	6	6	6.00
S. J. Loxton	3	-	8	4	2.66
C. McCool	3	-	2	2	2.00
D. Ring	1	-	-	-	-

* Not out. Scores in the game started against Essex on Saturday are not included.

SPILLS AND THRILLS



It takes thrills to keep the crowds at six-day horse races satisfied, and thrills men spill occasionally. Here track officials crowd around dazed Francis Grauss of the French team at New York. Rider in the background pays no attention.

Epsom Derby Betting Market Thrown Wide Open

London, May 16.—The Epsom Derby betting market, which was so serene with the Maharajah Gaekwar of Baroda's My Babu a firm favourite, has been thrown wide open by events during the last 10 days.

First came the surprising defeat of Jock Scot at Chester. This was followed by the biggest "care" hitherto concerning the welfare of the favourite and then came the unexpected defeat of Black Tarquin, Straight Play, and Roaring Forties by a horse not engaged in the Derby, Riding Mill.

The biggest market upset was caused by the news that My Babu, the Two Thousand Guineas' winner and Derby favourite, had a "day off" from strong work last weekend and rumours were soon rife that the colt was lame.

The official explanation was that he had overreached himself in winning the Guineas and he had been given an antiseptic injection as a precaution. As is the case with any one so injected, a rest was necessary until the soreness disappeared.

However, the colt has been unable to do strenuous work since the three weeks away—June 5-layers are inclined to think that the lack of gallop at such a late stage of his preparation may affect his Derby chances.

ODDS EXTENDED

Consequently, the odds about this son of Djebel have been extended to three to one. At the official collier last Monday, he was on offer at nine to four.

A factor in My Babu's favour is that he is not a big colt and does not need a lot of hard work.

Sam Armstrong, his trainer, is confident that he will be at his fittest for the Epsom. He has been giving the colt walking exercise and hopes to resume his strong Derby preparation at the weekend.

The defeat of Mr William Woodward's American-bred Black Tarquin, one of last season's best juveniles in the Newmarket Stakes, caused his Derby price to drift from 10 to one, at which he was third favourite, to 20 to one.

Running over a mile and a quarter, Black Tarquin failed to respond when asked for a finishing challenge, and was beaten by Sir Percy Loraine's Riding Mill, which was turned out in excellent mottle by Harry Wragg, his trainer.

It must be said in favour of Black Tarquin, son of the Eclipse Stakes winner, Rhodes Scholar, that he has been unable to work properly because of the firm going. It was his first appearance of the season and probably he would not have run but for his trainer being anxious to give him an outing in view of the proximity of the Derby.

Trainer Captain Boyd Rochford was unable to account for Black Tarquin's display, but said the colt was all right and he was out training again the next day. His trainer has left plenty of room for improvement, and now that heavy rains have eased, the going somewhat, Black Tarquin will contest the Derby trial stakes at Lingfield on May 20 in which race he will meet The Cobbler.—Reuter.

AGA KHAN BUYS HALF SHARE

Paris, May 16.—The Aga Khan has purchased a half share in M. Leon Volterra's My Love, a French challenger for the Epsom Derby in which race the horse will carry the colours of his famous new part owner.

Critics Of The Olympic Games

From the United States, a chill air-current of disapproval is blowing on the Olympic Games which Britain is to conduct this year.

Latest critic is Stanley Frank, former New York Post sports columnist, in the influential magazine, Cosmopolitan.

Frank says bluntly that the Games have outlived their usefulness, if they ever had any.

In 394 A.D., Roman Emperor Theodosius banned the Games after 1170 years of competition because "everybody was thoroughly sick of the bickering and conniving and general ill-will they produced."

Frank says the modern Olympics are headed for the same fate, only this time it wouldn't take so long.

He makes this gloomy prediction:

"The well-fed young men and women representing the United States at London next August will be prime targets for abuse from the hungry Europeans, who, in their misery, will direct a foot race among a dozen kids into an outrage to their national pride."

"The Olympian ideal of sportsmanship is another visionary theory, like goodwill among men, that simply does not work out in practice."

Frank declares that England has not the facilities or the food to accommodate 250,000 visitors, cites a London Evening Standard editorial, which suggested that invitations for the Games be "politely withdrawn."

FOOTBALL

England Wins At Turin By Four Clear Goals

Turin, May 16.—England retained her unbeaten soccer record against Italy in the Mussolini Stadium this afternoon, winning the game 4 to 0. But it was touch-and-go, and England, who had scored twice in each half, were by no means four goals the better team.

The order of scoring was Mortensen (3rd minute), Lawton (23rd minute), Finney (72 minute), and Finney (74 minute).

About 85,000 enthusiasts who had come from all parts of Italy and paid fantastic prices for their seats sat in the gruelling late afternoon sun to watch for three-quarters of the game a really fine exhibition of football.

England were better together as a side, but Italy were quick on the ball and their forwards were exceedingly dangerous. They finished poorly, however, and shot wildly when presented with good scoring chances.

They also had many good shots saved by Frank Swift, England's goalkeeper and captain, who was in brilliant form.

Italy had a goal disallowed for a pressing hand. In the second half, doubtful offside in the 15th minute, at a critical interval when they were too, when it was still anyone's game, Gabetto, the Italian centre forward, struck the underneath of the cross bar and the ball bounced dangerously near the goal.

Swift and Mortensen were outstanding in England's team. Lawton was well held by Parola, the Italian centre half, and had a bad match, while Matthews, Finney and Mannion have all played better. Wright was the pick of the halfbacks.

Parola was the pick of the Italian defenders, while Mazzola, the captain, was outstanding in the attack.

FIRST GOAL

After Cockburn had shot over from just outside the penalty area, England went ahead after only three minutes.

Taking a pass from Matthews, Mortensen scored a clear goal with a shot from a very acute angle. At the other end, Loin shot poorly, when he was left with a chance to equalise.

The Italians were very quick on the ball, but their shooting was wild and their finish in general poor.

When Lawton and Parola met in a tackle and Lawton fell, the two players shook hands.

Within three minutes Italy had the ball in the net twice, but no score was allowed, since both Italian players were offside when they netted. The Italian's took the referee's decision very well. The English players had already stopped the play, waiting for the referee to blow for offside.

Only a few minutes later Mort tested Swift with a brilliant drive from a free kick, and in the 23rd minute the England goalkeeper made a great save from Dabetto, just as he was about to shoot going away from him.

Just afterwards, Lawton got England's second goal when, lying unmarked, he took a pass from Mortensen and beat the Italian goalkeeper.

ALWAYS DANGEROUS

The Italians were always dangerous, even when two goals in arrears and England had a narrow escape when Scott kicked the ball off the goal line with Swift beaten. Swift made another one of his wonderful saves in the 40th minute, taking the ball off the tops of Carpellone, when he seemed certain to score. Just before the interval he saved three point-blank shots, until Loin, making the third, shot wide.

England had two narrow escapes when in the second minute after half-time, Mazzola shot into Swift's hands from close range, and 12 minutes later Gabetto hit the cross bar, the ball bouncing down near the goal line.

For the first time in the match it was clear that England would win when they got two goals in two minutes to lead by 4 to 0.

After half an hour, Mannion worked his way through the Italian defence and passed to Finney, who scored with a head drive from close range. Two minutes later, Finney again scored, this time from Mortensen's pass.

Play began to deteriorate with both sides tiring after a hectic battle in the gruelling heat.

THE TEAMS

The teams were: Italy: Bucalupo; Elfan and Ballarin; Andrazzi; Parola and Grezar; Monti, Loin, Dabetto, Mazzola (captain), and Carpellone. England: Swift (captain); Scott and Howe; Wright, Franklin and Cockburn; Matthews, Mortensen, Lawton, Mannion, and Finney.

RANGERS' TOUR

Istanbul, May 16.—Unleashing their full power in the second period, Britain's Queen's Park Rangers defeated Istanbul's Galatasaray 1-0 in an international soccer match today.—Associated Press.

Who Are The Kiwis?

New Zealand is rocking to its foundations, but this time it's not an earthquake.

Controversy is raging on whether copyright on the name "Kiwis" belongs to the Rugby Union or the Rugby League.

League side, which recently made a successful tour of England and France, and which will appear in Australia this season, used the Kiwi title.

Union supporters claim the name was stolen from them; that a Union side known as the Kiwis made a highly successful tour of England after the war.

Laurel Kearney plumps for the League.

He says N.Z. League teams have been known as Kiwis since 1913. In Sydney that year he refereed a match between the original League Kiwis and New South Wales.

I can't see why the Union men are worrying in Australia; at least, they'll never get anything but "All Blacks" from our football followers. Jim Vane, in the Courier-Mail, Brisbane.

MOTOR-CYCLING

British Do Well At Geneva

Geneva, May 16.—The British and Italian professional motor cyclists dominated the race competition at Geneva today against the Swiss, French, Belgian and Czechoslovakian drivers.

Arthur Bell, Britain, riding a Norton, took first place in the 350 cubic centimetre class with a time of one hour 24 minutes 23.8 seconds for fifty laps over a total distance of 140 kilometres.

Second was M. W. Whitworth, Britain, riding a Velocette, one hour 24 minutes 29 seconds.

Third, Harold Daniell, Britain, riding a Norton, one hour 25 minutes 40 seconds.

Fourth, Thomas Wood, also of Britain, riding a Velocette, one hour 24 minutes for 49 laps.

Frant Juhon, Czechoslovakia, who defeated Wood and other British riders at Schaffhausen, Switzerland, two weeks ago, was fifth. His time was one hour 24 minutes 55.2 seconds for forty-eight laps.

250 CC CLASS

In the 250 cubic centimetre class, 40 laps for a total distance of 110.6 kilometres, Dario Ambrosini, Italy, was first with a time of one hour 9 minutes 37 seconds. Ambrosini was riding a Benelli machine.

Thomas Wood of Britain, riding a Guzzi, was second with a time of one hour 10 minutes 24 seconds.

Claudio Mastellari, Italy, riding a Guzzi was third with a time of one hour 10 minutes 27 seconds.—Associated Press.

MONTE CLASSIC

Monte Carlo, May 16.—Clemar Buell, Argentine, auto racer finished eighth in today's twisting grand prize race through the streets of Monte Carlo.

Buell was the last contestant among those who finished the race since all other starters dropped out. Racing in a Maserati special, Buell finished 23 laps behind the winner, Enrico Berio, who roared over 318 kilometers in 3 hours 12 minutes 26.9 seconds at an average speed of 86.145 kilometers an hour.—United Press.

AUTO RACER KILLED

Indianapolis, May 16.—The veteran auto racing driver, Ralph Hepburn, was killed when his car crashed into a wall during a practice run at the speedway today.

Hepburn, driving a special car, had said he expected to pilot in the 500-mile speedway classic here on May 30. Track officials said he was roaring out of the Northeast turn in the big oval at about 130 miles an hour when his car went into a spin. It crashed head-on into the inside retaining wall. Hepburn was crushed in the cockpit.—United Press.



OLD ASSOCIATES MEET.—Babe Ruth sits behind wire setting at St. Petersburg, Fla., and talks with Joe McCarthy, former Yankees manager, now pilot of the Boston Red Sox.

Stern Gang Victims

Liverpool, May 16.—Thirty-four Hebrew Christian refugees, who said they were warned by the Stern Gang, the Jewish terrorist organization, to leave Palestine or risk death, arrived here today from Haifa in the troopship Georgia.

They were 20 women and 14 men, blacklisted by the Stern Gang for refusing their religion and for working for the British in professional and industrial capacities.

Some of them told they had been tortured and condemned to death by the Stern Gang. There were four small children with the party, but most of the refugees said they were forced to flee from their homes and families.—Reuter.

DAKOTAS SEIZED

Action By Egyptian Air Force

Cairo, May 16.—The American Ambassador, Mr. S. Pinkney Tuck, has made representations to Prime Minister Nokrashi Pasha against the seizure by the Egyptian Air Force on Saturday of four surplus C-47 Dakota aeroplanes which Trans-World Airlines had agreed previously to sell to Saudi Arabia.

Mr. Tuck advised the Prime Minister of the seizure and asked him to review the decision under which it was made. No reply had been received at the time this was written.

Following Saturday's Dakota seizures, a C-54 Sky-master of the U.S. Air Force, enroute from Doha, Saudi Arabia, was detained at Fath, Egypt today pending inspection by a representative of the nation's Defence Ministry.

SUPPLY FLIGHT
American official said the Sky-master was making a semi-weekly supply flight to Doha, Saudi Arabia. The Sky-master was allowed to proceed to Doha later today. Whether it was inspected by the Defence Ministry before its departure could not be determined immediately.

Representatives of the Egyptian Air Force appeared at T.W.A. offices at Farouk Field on Saturday with a document signed by Haidar Pasha, Defence Minister, and Nokrashi Pasha ordering the seizure. Ambassador Tuck made representations but after some delay, Egyptian pilots took the planes away.

Another development was an order banning all flight over Egypt from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m., apparently a precaution against possible Jewish air raids.—Associated Press.

RAF MEN HELD UP
London, May 16.—The British Air Ministry said today the Commonwealth Relations Office has told its Commissioner in Pakistan to make "urgent representations" on behalf of the four RAF officers held up there by a dispute over their medical certificates.

A Ministry spokesman said—apparently the medical station at Changi, which inoculated the four against yellow fever, is not on a Pakistan approved list although it is "a perfectly competent station."

He said he did not know whether the Commonwealth Relations Commissioner had had any success in his talk with the Pakistani officials.—Associated Press.

Ex-Siam Premier For England

Singapore, May 16.—Pridi Panomyong, former Siamese Premier, and a senior statesman who fled after last November's coup d'etat by Marshal Pibul Songgram, will visit Britain shortly as "a private citizen."

He escaped from Siam wearing dark glasses and a false moustache and was smuggled into Singapore.

He was leader of Siam's wartime "Free Thai" underground movement and for almost 18 months was in daily radio contact with the Ceylon headquarters of the Supreme Commander, Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten.—Reuter.

French President Calls For "Frank Parley"

Paris, May 16.—The French President, M. Vincent Auriol, today called for a "frank parley" between responsible statesmen to put an end to "these discussions on procedure, these insidious notes, these backhanded blows, and these pinpricks which serve nobody's prestige or influence and even less the cause of peace."

"The sincerity of words is measured by acts and the best way to test the loyalty of a partner is to take him at his word," the President declared.

Speaking at a wine festival at Macon, Burgundy, President Auriol said that people were "wary of pacific proclamations which are not followed by any constructive proposition while armed fear continues to reign and acts are accomplished which seem to bring the terrible danger of war nearer."

It was time, he said, "to the spirit as well as the letter of the United Nations Charter."

Referring to the recent exchange of Soviet-American notes, he said:

BRITISH TORIES WANT SPAIN BROUGHT INTO THE WESTERN UNION

London, May 16.—A campaign to bring Franco Spain into the Western world fold found increasing Conservative support in Britain this week.

Disputing the official policy of the Government that Spain must remain outside until Franco goes, Conservative Members of Parliament left their normal forum to carry on the fight in the columns of The Times, the most influential paper in Britain.

Spain, left standing in the naughty boy's corner of the international school-room since the war, is barred from the United Nations, from Marshall aid, from Western Union.

The main argument of those who would change this is that if the Western democracies maintain relations with other countries whose ideology—Communism—they disagree with, why then should they not recognise Spain, even while still disliking Franco's ideology?

Big Five May Discuss Palestine

Lake Success, May 16.—The Security Council, resuming its emergency session on Palestine tomorrow, may call the Big Five together to consider the Arab attacks on the new Jewish State.

This move, suggested by Dr Alfonso Lopez, of Colombia, would be made under the article of the United Nations Charter which provides for the major powers to consult together on "joint action" to maintain international peace and security.

Before the Council meeting, the Big Five will meet in closed session to consider candidates for the post of United Nations mediator in the Holy Land as agreed by the General Assembly on Friday.

Reports published today said Count Folke Bernadotte, nephew of the King of Sweden, was being considered as mediator as well as Mr Harold Evans, of Philadelphia, who has already been appointed Municipal Commissioner of Jerusalem.

Count Bernadotte, President of the Swedish Red Cross, played a leading part in the peace talks before the Security Council's emergency meeting was called on Saturday within four hours of an Egyptian note stating that Egyptian forces had entered Palestine to restore order "against Zionist terrorism."

Pt. Swettenham Strike

Singapore, May 16.—Two hundred Malay labourers working under police guards were used by the Federal Malay Government today to unload a cargo of sugar from a ship delayed by a three-week old strike at Port Swettenham, Malaysia's main port.

The strike began on April 27 for higher wages and better conditions though it was thought to be in sympathy with the stoppage then on in Singapore and since broken by the introduction of outside labour.

The Governor, Sir Edward Gent, recently warned Port Swettenham strikers that he would use "direct labour" to work the port if they did not return to work.—Reuter.

NO VIET NAM GOVT. YET

Saigon, May 16.—Mr Tran Van Huu, Vice-President of the South Viet Nam Government, told Reuter today there might be some delay in the setting up of a Viet Namese (Indo-Chinese Nationalist) Central Government.

Mr Tran Van Huu recently returned from Hongkong, where he met Bao Dai, the ex-emperor of Annam.

Mr Tran Van Huu said he had been instructed by Bao Dai to contact various personalities. He declined to disclose their names but they are believed to be members of the Indo-Chinese resistance.—Reuter.

Mr Michael Astor, Conservative Member who was among a group which backed a New Deal for Spain in last week's foreign affairs debate in the House of Commons, brought this argument up in a letter to The Times yesterday.

He wrote: "There is abundant evidence to show that the iron hand of dictatorship is far more liberal in Spain than in Russia."

"The policy of the present Government towards Spain is an aftermath of the appeasing policy which this country adopted towards Russia immediately after the war."

"It is a concession to strength and not the maintenance of a moral principle, and as such it is in the worst traditions of British foreign policy."

RAGING CONTROVERSY
"Apart from this matter of principle, it has been the direct cause of the strengthening of General Franco's position in Spain, and has hardened the hearts of the Spanish people against the Western democracies."

The Times' controversy has raged for six days.

The first to come to the support of Spain was a Conservative Member of Parliament, Major Guy Lloyd, who wrote: "Spain was the first Western European nation to see the Red light and to fight successfully against anarchy and Communism."

"Our continued refusal to allow her to participate in the defence of Western civilisation is a triumph for Communist propaganda and an act of extreme folly."

Mr M. H. Scott, a retired Navy captain, and wartime Naval Attaché in Madrid, next rallied to Mr Lloyd's side with the warning: "Deliberately to shut out Spain from the Western Union is merely to sabotage the plan for European recovery and, to anyone with a knowledge of Spain, it is utterly incomprehensible."

COUNTER-BLASTS
Next day, counter-blasts came from other correspondents. One, an Oxford University don, wrote that Major Lloyd's letter is "actually giving powerful assistance to Russian propaganda. It will obviously be quoted as an instance proving that Russian propaganda is correct when it asserts that the spokesmen of Western democracy are hypocritical when they talk of maintaining freedom; that they really have no objections to a police state provided only that it is a police state which protects the rights of property."

By yesterday, the correspondence had expanded to almost a full column of The Times.

Two more Conservative Members of Parliament, Major H. Legge-Bourke and Sir Patrick Hannon, provided this joint comment: "The safeguarding of a bridgehead in Europe for those opposed to Communism ought to be the main strategic purpose of any such (Western Union) plan."

"However distasteful General Franco's methods may be to us, they ought not to be permitted to cloud the fact that the existence of the Iberian Peninsula and the natural barrier of the Pyrenees afford the only practical means of securing such a bridgehead, just as in the last century, was the case when Napoleon was the antagonist."

FACTS TO FACE
Despite the growing campaign, the backers of Spain, diplomatic observers say, have these apparently stone-walled facts to face:

1.—The Western Union (of Britain, France and the Benelux countries) is a tight regional military alliance, and no one else is likely to come in for the moment.

2.—The United States' official policy is that Spain cannot come into the Marshall plan unless the 10 European nations in the European recovery programme agree, and this is most improbable unless Franco goes.

3.—Leftwing opinion, even of the most moderate type, is set hard against bringing a Fascist State into the anti-totalitarian camp—even if it considered its form of Fascism was now undynamic and almost benevolent.—Reuter.

U.S. Films To Be Made In Britain

New York, May 16.—Eleven out of 20 pictures to be made overseas by American companies within the next 12 months will be made in Britain, studio press announcements said today.

These will have their earnings frozen in Britain under terms of the tax agreement to finance them.

Various leading film production companies are getting 27 different ways of American film companies getting their frozen money out of England and the British have found a way of saying "no" to all of them.—Associated Press.

SCAP WILL LIMIT OPERATIONS

Tokyo, May 16.—The Economic and Scientific Section of General MacArthur's headquarters today announced that, effective from June 12, the sales operations of SCAP's foreign trade office in New York would be limited to the disposals of materials such as raw silk now on inventory in the United States.

The inventories of Japanese commodities now in the United States will not be replenished as stocks are liquidated.

The office will continue to be available to promote the sales of all goods for shipment to Japan, but will not act as sales agent.

The official statement said the office would provide every possible assistance to buyers in the United States to obtain their requirements from Japan, but actual sales negotiations would be conducted directly by American buyers with exporters in Japan through a utilisation of authorised communications facilities.

For the time being, these private negotiations will continue to be formalised by the contracts between American buyers and the Japanese Board of Trade.

The official reason for the change of policy is that it is a forward plan for restoring Japanese trade relations to private channels.—Reuter.

PRINCESS AT THE RACES

Paris, May 16.—Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh watched the races at Longchamp this afternoon from the Presidential box, backed by a great bank of pink, white and blue hydrangeas.

The Princess, wearing a white flowered frock and a white hat trimmed with white flowers, followed each event closely through binoculars, but did not bet.

The French police advised her not to go to look at the horses in the paddock as had at first been planned, and this deprived the great Whitsunday crowd of a chance to see her at close view.

Loud cheers greeted the Princess and the Duke as they stepped into their box to be received by Madame Vincent Auriol, the President's wife.

If the Royal couple rose early to attend a celebration of Holy Communion at the Anglican Church in the Rue Daguesseau, just across from the British Embassy in Paris.—Reuter.

Pravda Sings The Same Old Tune

Moscow, May 16.—Pravda, the organ of the Russian Communist Party, declared tonight "Swedish reactionaries and advocates of Nordic co-operation" were seeking to place Sweden "in the ranks of the mercenaries of imperialist monopolies."

"The Swedish reactionaries are now attempting to embroil Sweden in the Western Union which have planned in common with the genuine aspirations of the Swedish people, who have no interest in a policy of forming military blocs and abandoning international co-operation," the newspaper added.—Reuter.

He Lost His Bet

Paris, May 16.—Completely sobered and repentant, a French law student was released today after he was caught by police trying to scale the wall of the British Embassy where Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip are staying.

The student, apparently under the influence of alcohol when caught, said he had bet some of his friends he would be received by the Princess.—Associated Press.

"SABOTEURS" HELD

London, May 16.—Sixteen members of a "sabotage" gang whose arrest was announced in Prague yesterday, were alleged by Prague radio today to have started fires following "inciting broadcasts" by the British Broadcasting Corporation.

The 16 were accused of destroying machinery worth one million crowns and to have burnt several industrial undertakings.—Reuter.

Death For Terrorists

Belgrade, May 16.—Four members of an armed Slovene band, alleged to have terrorised the countryside near Celje, were sentenced to death last night by a Slovene district court.

The band was accused of plundering private property and attempting to persuade several peasant soldiers to join them. The band was said to have been captured after a short armed battle on March 17.

Several of the band's friends and relatives were also tried and sentenced to three months' imprisonment each for hiding or otherwise aiding them.

One member of the band was sentenced to 20 years.—Reuter.

Executions In Greece

British Labourites Perturbed

Scarborough, May 16.—A motion of protest against recent mass executions in Greece, to be submitted to the Labour Party Conference which opens here tomorrow, was being considered by the Party Executive this afternoon.

The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, and the Deputy Premier, Mr Herbert Morrison, and several other members of the Government were present.

The Executive also considered a proposal to expel Mr Alfred Edwards, Labour Member of Parliament for Middlesbrough, East, for his refusal to stop his public campaign against the Government's nationalisation policy.

ON THE DEFENSIVE
Both moves were seen by delegates here as part of a deliberate effort, to rally the party in the face of increasing attacks.

This is to be effected by a showdown with the dwindling pro-Communist wing of the party on the one side and by a "strong public stand by the party's" nationalisation policy on the other.

There is a widespread feeling among delegates that Labour, after three years in office, has lately been put on the defensive and that the recent inner party quarrels have weakened its position.

A public opinion poll was published in a London pro-Labour Sunday paper this morning predicting a defeat for Labour if a general election took place today.

This has not produced the shock among the delegates which the paper predicted.—Reuter.

Death Of Lord Balfour's Niece

London, May 16.—Mrs. Blanche Elizabeth Campbell Dugdale, niece and biographer of Lord Balfour, author of the famous Declaration favouring the establishment of a Jewish National Home in Palestine, died at Maybold, Ayrshire, Scotland, today.

She was an authority on Palestine, a close confidante of her uncle during the last three years of his life, and a prominent public defender of the principles of his Declaration.—Reuter.

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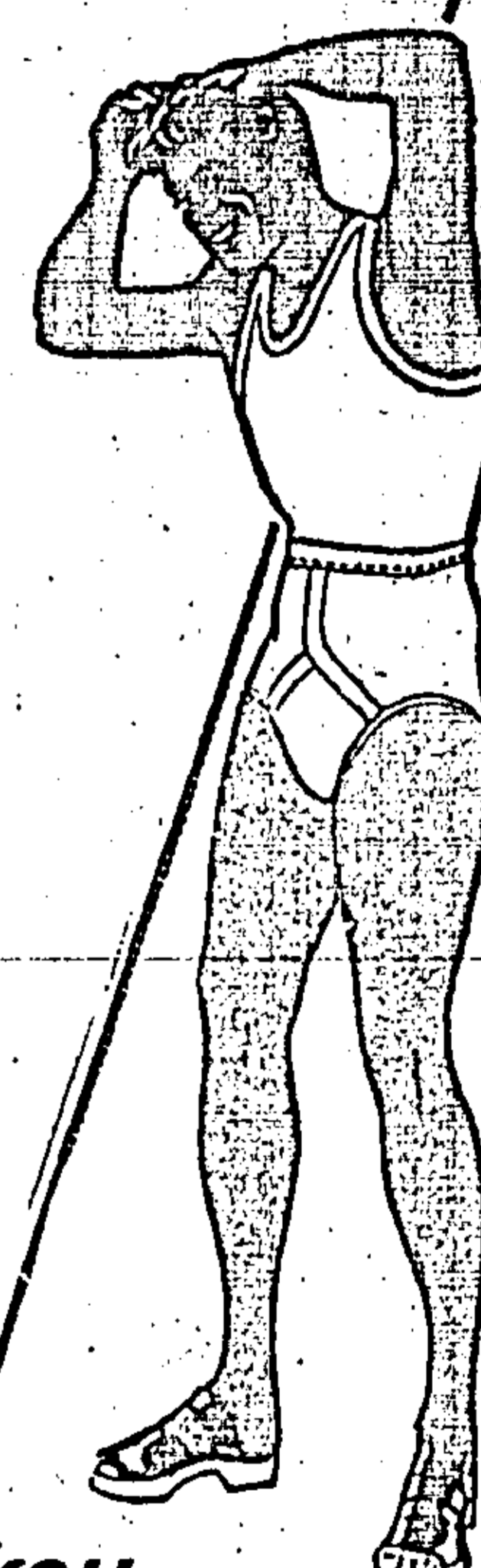
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